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JUST A LAY SERMON ON OUR HOME TOWN

Let Us Make Hartford The
Prettiest Town In
Kentucky.

Our town may be the clean, sparkling, sanitary, and a thing of beauty, or it may wither and decay through neglect and indifference. It may be garbed in the beauties of the handicraft of man, or it may drift along in tatters and obscurity. It may compel the admiration of other people and draw them to our folk, or it may be a place to be seen and shunned or forgotten. It is for us to say, for us to write the verdict of our future.

The birth of a new town should see the dawn of a new order of things in Hartford. It should see every man and every woman striving to make it the brightest and most attractive place in this section of the State. It should see us striving with might and determination to convert a pleasant country town into a garden spot of beauty, with health, happiness and prosperity as the heritage of our daily life.

Business property could be improved with little expense, fresh paint would do wonders and neatly arranged window displays in commercial business houses would add a hundred per cent to their appearance.

Broken sidewalks could well be replaced and new ones added where needed, and some time could be spent to advantage on the streets in many sections of the town.

In some places the fences and yards are well-kept and present an attractive appearance. But there should be more of them. Every place should be in the artistic class and then other people would talk and the talk would all be to our credit. Tongues were made for use and people will use them when we are the subject of conversation.

We might give the town a general overhauling in every way this spring and shove it right up to the head of the class. If there are not sufficient funds in the treasury to do these things of a public nature, we still have hands and willing hearts, and every man could declare a business holiday occasionally and turn out and rake this old bug from end to end. Personally we consider a few days spent this quite a lark—something for a holiday, and we don't for one minute think we are more liberal or open-minded than the rest of our citizens.

And while we are in the hustling mood we might find a vacant building and convert it into a rest and reading room for our friends from the farm when they come to town. We might use it for a gathering place for townspeople, where we can meet and while away an occasional pleasant hour. But especially do we need something of the kind for the convenience of the farmers and their wives and daughters and sons when they are with us. The town that appreciates and provides for the convenience of the former is on the high road to success and prosperity. Let's be that town in 1919!

POSTMASTER HERE DESIGNS

Mr. Ernest Kirkland, who has been postmaster here for the past two years, has resigned, and a civil service examination will be held at an early date for the purpose of qualifying applicants for the vacancy. Mr. Kirkland is preparing to enter other business, and has asked for immediate relief. We understand that Mr. Owen Shultz will be put in temporary charge of the office until the permanent appointment can be made through the usual channels. The office pays \$1,000 a year and is the highest political-civil service plum in the county.

THE ANGELS WILL REWARD

The Angels will reward a little act of kindness charity practiced by a Hartford business man recently. On the last day of December the gentleman, as he went by his place of business, observed three small boys in a poor condition, with tears in their eyes. Something was wrong with the little fellow's leg, and he inquired the trouble, and was touched to pity when they explained that it was the last day in which dog tags must be obtained and

that among them they had only seventy-five cents, and had just decided they would have to kill their little dog. The dog was present at the boys' solemn conference, and was wisely looking up at them as if conscious of what was passing. The good man gave the little fellow the required quarter, and they started on a run for the clerk's office to get the necessary tag, with the playful dog yelping joyously at their heels. Perhaps a quarter of a dollar never in all the tide of time purchased so large a measure of youthful happiness.

AGED VETERAN DIES.

Mr. Samuel S. Trodgen died December 30, at the home of his son, Mr. L. L. Trodgen, near Clear Run. Death was due chiefly to senility. He was 83 years old at the time of his death. Mr. Trodgen is survived by one daughter and four sons, Mr. L. L. Trodgen, of Evansville, Indiana; Alexander, of Owensboro, Louis.; and L. L. and C. W. Trodgen, both of Clear Run.

Mr. Trodgen was a veteran of the war between the states in the sixties, and delighted to recount his experiences in camp, on the march and on the field of battle. He was an excellent citizen and highly respected by his friends and neighbors.

COUNTY COURT DOCKET.

The county court will convene Monday. Only three criminal cases are on the docket for hearing. Jasper Renter and Jesse Rankins, both of Rockport, are charged with protesting in liquor in prohibition territory, and Agnes Taylor Brockins is charged with breach of the peace in that she butted another colored woman.

FISCAL COURT MEETS.

A regular session of the Fiscal Court will convene here Tuesday. The usual routine work of allowing county claims will engage the principal attention for the session. The tax levy for the year 1919 will also be made at this session. And the proposition to call another road tax election for an early date will also be laid before the court. The result of the November election in this matter was so encouraging to the friends of better roads that they are insisting that another be taken at an early date. If the court decides to call the election a vigorous campaign will be made by the friends of the measure to give the voters a thorough understanding of the proposed measure, and once all the provisions of the measure are fairly understood there is little doubt about the result of the election. If the election is called it will probably be held about the last of next month.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHANGES.

The new year brought some changes in both the personnel and distribution of the Sheriff's working force. Mr. Frank Roberts, of Fordsville, who made a good and efficient officer during the past year, has resigned. Mr. Roy Keown, who has been a field deputy, working out of Hartford, has moved to Fordsville, is old home, and will work the territory formerly covered by Mr. Roberts. The Sheriff has not yet decided upon the selection of a deputy to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Roberts. Mr. Cicero Crowder will continue his services as office deputy. Mr. Bratcher and his deputies have had a successful year's work, and their services have pleased the public.

DR. J. W. MCCARTY DEAD.

Dr. J. W. McCarty died at his home in Owensboro Tuesday. Dr. McCarty was formerly one of the best known and most popular citizens of Ohio county. He was born in the northern part of the county near Whitesville, in 1835, and had been a citizen of the county most of his life, going to Owensboro about 1870. He was for many years the leading physician of Fordsville, and several years ago organized a bank in that town. Later he moved the bank to Owensboro and located it on Fourth street, where it was known as the Fordsville Bank. It was a prosperous institution but later merged with the United States National Bank. Dr. McCarty leaves a wife and one son, Arnold McCarty, who is in a medical office at the National Deposit Bank, at Owensboro.

OUR FARMER CRITIC.

In the fall of 1917 we advised the farmers to hold their tobacco for better prices on a later market. In October 1918 we suggested to tobacco growers the advisability of selling on an early market, if they could do so at prices near those of last season. Just after the appearance of our advice to sell on an early market, we received the following sarcastic letter from an Ohio county farmer, who evidently assumed our ignorance of tobacco market conditions, or that we were in league with the tobacco merchants.

Hartford, Ky., Nov. 19, 1918.
Editor Republican.
Hartford, Ky.

Dear Sir:—We have been advised to sell our tobacco as early as possible this year, on account of the war being over. We can understand the reason for this, unless it is because the seas now being open to shipping, and all the European countries, especially Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia, France, Belgium, Italy, Turkey and Greece, having raised an enormous crop for the past four years, are now going to flood the markets of the world with tobacco. We suppose this is the reason, and we wish you would publish this to let the farmers know why tobacco is going to be so low and everything else still be so high.

Yours Truly,
A FARMER.

We lay no claims to gifts of prophecy, but out of an acquaintance with some number of business men of the state we are in a position to get some information not generally available to our farmer friends who are tobacco growers, and it has been our earnest purpose to pass this information to them for their benefit. The Hartford Republican aspires to command the respect and confidence of its readers, and is wise enough to know it can do so only by dealing with them honestly. It's opinions may sometimes be faulty, but they shall at all times be frankly expressed. At least in our advice to the tobacco growers, for the two seasons mentioned, events have justified our advice. The truth may at times be unpalatable but the responsible newspaper states the facts as it finds them. When the letter reproduced above was received we were as sure as we are now that tobacco would sell at a lower price than it sold last year, and we filed it away with the express purpose of publishing it after events had justified our predictions.

SCHOOLS CLOSING.

Less serious than the suffering and deaths, yet a deplorable result of the influenza epidemic, is the loss of a school year by the children of the rural school districts. It is one of those deplorable losses that time nor money can repair. Only the very few district schools opening very early were taught a sufficient time to be of any real benefit to the pupils. Now when the ban is lifted and the schools might open again, the term in most districts has expired. The County Superintendent informs us that the term has expired in Divisions Nos. 2, 4 and 5, and those in Division 6 will close today. It is probable the High schools will continue in session through the spring term, but on account of the time lost from the fall term the High school students will fail to complete the year.

DENVER IN TROUBLE.

Denver Coots is in jail and will have to show the court his innocence of a couple of criminal charges registered against him, or give good and sufficient bond for his appearance when wanted for trial, before regaining his liberty. Coots is charged with breaking into George Hickey's store, at Dukehurst, and also with unreasonably taking an overcoat from Robert Burdett. He has been wanted on these charges for some time but managed to escape the officers until about a week ago, when he was picked up, near the McLean county line, by the sheriff of that county, and brought here and turned over to the court.

Coots is nineteen years old, and a son of Palestine Coots, of Sunnydale. He was arrested last summer on a vagrancy charge but was released on a promise to go to work. The boy's parents are good honest people but the lad has a reputation of a dastard for work and some indifference toward the conventional rights of property.

OUR PATRONS—GREETING.

The Hartford Republican comes to its patrons with its first issue of the New Year, under some handicap. Early in the week we had a breakdown of our linotype and had to telegraph to Chicago for repairs. The delay in receiving the part wanted resulted in a lesser volume of local news, and in the absence of some of our usual features. However, we are oiled and running again, and if industry and experience count for anything we shall give our readers a better paper this year than last. The liberal patronage given this paper the last year demonstrates that our efforts to make a clean and readable publication has been appreciated, and this confidence inspires us to greater effort to please. With hearts warm with gratitude for the splendid support given us in our effort to make a first class newspaper we turn to the task of the new year with renewed energy and determination to produce a newspaper that will command the continued respect, confidence and interest of our patrons. We shall at an early date announce an entirely new feature of local news that will excite and hold the interest of our readers—a feature that, so far as we know, has not been undertaken by any local newspaper in Kentucky.

THE BOYS ARE COMING HOME.

And now the boys are coming home. We saw them yesterday on the village streets with their wives, sweethearts or mothers. We saw them in the uniform of the army and we saw them in the suits of the navy. Our boys who have drilled and waited in the camps over here and come home bearing the stings of disappointment, that they were not so fortunate as others. We should be very considerate to our boys who answered the call to the colors and were left waiting in the cantonments. Youth is very keen to feel the loss of adventure. As we gather about the lad who heard the German cannons roar and felt the sting of gas and shell we are apt to forget that figure that stands on the edge of the crowd and inwardly curses the luck that left him marking time at home. Don't you ever forget that he, too, was ready and that it was not his fault that he had no chance to go over the top.

CORA WILSON STEWART.

At the press banquet at the Louisville-Old Inn Hotel, in Louisville, Friday evening, we met for the first time Miss Cora Wilson Stewart, Kentucky's Wonder Woman. We had known something of the wonderful work Miss Stewart had done to rid Kentucky of illiteracy but only in this personal meeting discovered the force by which she worked the miracle. She is the only woman we ever saw who knew just what she wanted and just how to get it. When called upon to address the press body she said, more in ten minutes than the average man would say in an hour, and her story was complete. When this remarkable woman became a zealous apostle, preaching a crusade against illiteracy, more than 200,000 adult Kentuckians could not read or write, and the Wonder Woman has just begun to fight.

UNDER DEATH SENTENCE

Under the provisions of the new dog law more than a thousand Ohio county dogs are now under sentence of death, and the sheriff will soon begin to swing the bloody guillotine. The assessor's book shows there are more than 2,300 dogs in the county and at the expiration of the time limit for procuring dog tags only about eleven hundred tags had been sold by the county clerk. The law provides that the owner or harbinger of a dog who does not procure a tag by December 31 of each year may be fined \$100 and ten days in prison. We would earnestly urge those who have not already done so to get the required tag at once.

STAND BY PASTOR.

A novel Ecclesiastical trial was held here last week in which a minister was called to account for the tremendous crime of using tobacco. It appears that the Methodist Episcopal Annual Conference, at its session last year, passed a resolution automatically barring from its ministry any preacher using tobacco. A report had gone to District Superin-

tendent that Rev. S. C. Chapman, pastor of the Noecreek circuit, had violated the rule, and the Superintendent called the stewards, trustees and other officers of the circuit together for the trial. No evidence was required, as the Rev. Chapman frankly acknowledged an occasional violation of the tobacco rule. The Superintendent respecting the letter of the law, insisted upon displacing the pastor but the congregations of the circuit, having become strongly attached to their new pastor, bluntly and firmly refused to have him removed, and since they were paying the bill they had their way as they had had their say, said the Rev. Chapman will continue his career.

BEAVER DAM.

Mr. George Davis, U. S. N., who is stationed in New York, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis. Miss Eldise Austin and guests, Misses Mildred and Mary Louise have returned to Russellville, after spending the holidays with Miss Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Austin.

Miss Gertrude Gardener has returned to Chicago, Ill., after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ella Leach.

Miss Katherine Her, of Rockport, Ky., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young.

Dr. J. O. McKinney, was taken to Louisville, Ky., last week to have an operation for appendicitis performed. He is convalescing.

Mrs. E. E. Tarter has returned home after a visit with relatives in Arlington, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blankenship are receiving congratulations over the birth of a son at their home.

Private Jess Austin, of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Austin, last week.

Mrs. Florence Alford has returned home after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Williams and Mr. Williams, of Stone, Ky.

Mrs. K. V. Williams, of Pennsylvania, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Williams.

The Russellville and Beaver Dam Basket Ball teams played in the Opera House, Saturday evening. The score was 42 to 9 in favor of Beaver Dam.

CLEAR RUN.

Rev. Richard Fuqua will move to Hartford within a few days. We regret to lose Rev. Fuqua and family from our community. Mr. Lonnie Wade will cultivate Brother Fuqua's farm this season.

Private Alva Chapman, arrived home Monday. He has been mustered out of the service at Camp Taylor.

Following their usual custom Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stewart dressed a Christmas tree in their store, for the benefit of the little folks of Clear Run. On account of the bad weather only about forty children, and some of them grown children, were present. The occasion was a pleasing one for those who attended.

Louis Trodgen was the guest of Lee Johnson and Charlie Trodgen, Saturday night and Sunday.

CENTERTOWN.

Mr. James Calloway died at his home, near town, on Dec 28th, of pneumonia. He was an aged citizen and a friend to all who knew him.

Iron Hatcher has received his discharge from the navy and is at home.

Miss Flossie Mason returned to Berea Wednesday, after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

E. H. Goodall, of Camp Taylor, spent a few days at home last week. Hubert Ross is at home on a few days furlough.

Leon Bishop spent a few days in Owensboro last week.

Miss Mary Mackley, of Beech Grove, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Agnes Duncan, of Bowling Green, visited friends and relatives here a few days last week.

Misses Bessie Morris and Minerva Johnson, of near Hartford spent Xmas with Mable Tichenor.

Mr. George Tooley died of pneumonia December 26th.

Mrs. Blanch Lewis who has been very low with the "flu" is improving.

FOR SALE.

One tract of land, 55 acres, terms reasonable. Apply to Capt. W. E. Bennett, U. S. A., 120 W. 17th St., Owensboro, Ky., or L. D. Bennett, R. F. D. No. 3, Hartford, Ky. 274

THE TOBACCO MARKET IS RUNNING LOWER

Heavy Deliveries Reduce
To Lowest Of The
Season.

With the advance of the season the price of tobacco continues to drop, the Owensboro market reaching the lowest figures of the season, this week. Soft weather, favorable to marketing, resulting in a great rush of tobacco to the loose leaf floors, has probably contributed to lower prices. There is still a large quantity of unsold tobacco in Ohio county.

Owensboro.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 1.—There was a sale of 675,000 pounds of tobacco on the Owensboro market today at an average of \$14.25 one of the lowest averages of the season. Floors were cleared to-day.

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 1.—A new topnotch price was hung up on the loose leaf floors here today when prior unfired leaf sold at \$40 per hundred pounds. The season's former high price was \$38.50. Lugs and trash continued to show steady increase in prices, the former selling up to \$30 and the latter up to \$19.75, the highest lugs and trash prices of the season here. Frozen roads will cause another big rush of weed from Webster and Union counties. A total of 435,630 pounds sold here today at an average price of \$15.03. To date 5,076,955 pounds have been sold over local floors.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 1.—The offerings on today's market were light amounting to about 75,000 pounds. This was all common grades but the strength of the market was further attested by advancing prices all along the line.

Owing to the lack of good tobacco prices ranged only from \$12.00 to \$25.50. With good stuff showing there is no telling how high the prices would have climbed. On one sales floor the average on the day's sales was \$19.87. Sales will continue light for a few days until present weather conditions abate.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 1.—Total sales of loose tobacco on the three local warehouses here to-day amounted to 350,000 pounds, prices paid being the best general average of the season. The weed generally was in good condition. Leaf, \$12.50 to \$22.00; lugs, \$10.00 to \$17.50; trashes, \$5.75 to \$16.50.

AMERICA TO BRING ALL WAR TROPHIES HOME.

Washington, Dec. 28.—All war material captured by the American army will be brought home, Mr. Baker said today, to be disposed of as Congress may direct. The equipment includes more than 1,400 guns and trench mortars taken in action and thousands of machine guns and rifles.

Various proposals for distribution of the captured material have been made. It has been suggested that it be divided among the States in proportion to their equipment in the army, but on this plan Mr. Baker declined to express an opinion.

MAGAN.

Mr. Louis Canary and Willie Roach will not buy dog tags. They will not need them now. Louis said dog funerals were cheaper than tags.

Mr. Roscoe Westerfield has returned to Camp Taylor, after a weeks visit with his parents, here.

Miss Lizzie Greer, of Owensboro, spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Dillie Magan.

Mr. Ab Stevens has been very ill but is now slowly improving.

Mr. Zack Greer has had the flu, but is able to be out again.

Hubert Ralph went to Hartford Monday and purchased a supply of dog tags for this community.

Mr. Charlie Mosley has moved to Owensboro, where he will engage in business.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Next Tuesday night is the time for regular meeting of Rough River Lodge, No. 119, K of P. Much business of very great importance is up for transaction and every K. of P. is urged to be present.